GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SANKRIT AS COMPULSORY LANGUAGE
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make Sanskrit as a compulsory under the tri-lingual formula;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (c): As per the National Policy on Education,at the secondary stage, the State Governments should adopt, and vigorously implement, the three-language formula which includes the study of a modern Indian Language, preferable one of southern languages, apart from Hindi and Englishin the Hindi-Speaking States, and of Hindi along with the regional language and English in the Non-Hindi-Speaking States.

Therefore, the Govt, has no proposal to make Sanskrit a compulsory language under the three-language formula.